

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Fall Inshore Shrimp Season Closure

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to delegate to the Secretary of the Department the powers, duties and authority to set seasons, and in accordance with a Declaration of Emergency adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on August 2, 2012 which authorized the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the fall shrimp season when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop, and following notification to the Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby declare that the 2012 fall inshore shrimp season will close on December 18, 2012 at official sunset except for that portion of state inside waters east of the Mississippi River from the Louisiana/Mississippi state line southward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River, and, that portion of state inside waters within the Terrebonne basin south of 29 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from 90 degrees 18 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 90 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west longitude, and those inside waters south of 29 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds north latitude from 90 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west longitude westward to 90 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds west longitude which shall remain open to shrimping until further notice. The number of small white shrimp taken in biological samples within these waters to be closed has increased while water temperatures have decreased and these waters are being closed to protect these shrimp as they over-winter.

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Secretary